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## Preface and Conference Report

This volume contains papers presented at the International Conference on Matrix Analysis and Applications. The conference was held at Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from 14 through 16 December, 2003.

The aim of the meeting was to stimulate research and interaction of researchers interested in all aspects of linear and multilinear algebra, matrix analysis and applications, and to provide an opportunity for researchers to exchange ideas, recent developments and results on the subject.

More than 85 participants from 15 countries attended the conference. There were 68 talks altogether. In particular, the International Linear Algebra Society sponsored Roger Horn of the University of Utah as the ILAS lecturer of the meeting. He gave a 50 minute lecture on “Canonical Forms for Congruence”. For information on talk titles, speakers and photos, one may visit the conference website <http://www.resnet.wm.edu/~cklixx/nova03.html>.

The Organizing Committee consisted of Tsuyoshi Ando (Hokkaido University), Chi-Kwong Li (College of William and Mary), George Styan (McGill University), Hugo Woerdeman (Drexel University, then College of William and Mary), and Fuzhen Zhang (Nova Southeastern University).

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